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Group Art Unit: 2712 In re Patent Application of Examiner: V. BOCCIO SHIGEAKI KOIKE ET AL. RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. Application No. 08/923,369 § 1.116 - EXPEDITED Filed: September 3, 1997 PROCEDURE - EXAMINING **GROUP 2700** For: DATA RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS 2001 Ferry Building San Francisco, CA 94111 (415) 433-4150

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In response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 1999, please consider the following remarks:

## **REMARKS**

Claims 10-16 and 21-30 are pending in this application.

## Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejects claims 10-16 and 21-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Lang, U.S. Patent No. 5,164,839,